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SUBJECT: SECRETARY CONNOLLY'S VISIT TO INDIA

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, STYLE AND SUBSTANCE OF SECRETARY CONNOLLY'S VISIT WILL BE OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE TO ITS SUCCESS, WITH STYLE CARRYING GREATER IMPORTANCE WITH UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE AND XENOPHOBIC INDIANS THAN PROBABLY ANY OTHER POST HE WILL VISIT. ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, AS OUR SENIOR MOST US REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT INDIA SINCE SOURING OUR RELATIONS WITH INDO-PAK WAR AND ITS AFTER-MATH, GOI WILL BE LOOKING (AND HOPING) FOR SOME INDICATION WE ARE PREPARED TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES AND WORK TOWARD A NEW MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AND FRUITFULL RELATIONSHIP. THIS IS TRUE EVEN THOUGH THEY CONTINUALLY RAKE UP OLD COMPLAINTS IN PARLIAMENT AND IN THE PRESS.

2. I WILL HAVE SOME SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR SECRETARY REGARDING HIS DIALOGUE WITH KEY INDIAN LEADERS WHICH I HOPE WILL HELP SET POSITIVE TONE OF THIS VISIT. I SUGGEST SECRET SERVICE BE REMINDED THAT SECRETARY AND PARTY AS WELCOME GUESTS IN INDIA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY GOI TO BE THEIR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AS REGARDS SECURITY AND WELFARE. OBVIOUSLY, SECRET SERVICE WILL FEEL ONLY THEY CAN EFFECTIVELY ASSURE SECRETARY'S SAFETY, BUT I HOPE THEY WILL IN TURN CONSIDER INDIAN AUTHORITIES THEIR PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORT, AND AM CONFIDENT THEY WILL RECEIVE THE EXCELLENT AND EFFECTIVE COOPERATION WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD FROM INDIAN SERVICES IN SUCH INSTANCES.

3. ON SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, I WOULD HOPE SECRETARY COULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS IN HIS PRESENTATION:



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4. NEEDLESS TO SAY IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF SECRETARY CONNOLLY'S VISIT THAT WE TAKE FAVORABLE POSITION ON INDIAN DEBT RELIEF AT FORTHCOMING PARIS MEETING.

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5. IF IT IS INTENTION TO PROVIDE REPORT TO PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ON RESULTS OF MOSCOW SUMMIT I WOULD HOPE THAT NEW PIECE OF INFORMATION OR INSIGHT COULD BE INCLUDED BEYOND THAT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN WELL-COVERED IN PUBLIC DOMAIN. REPORT SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED IN SECRETARY'S PRESENTATION TO NAC (BONN 7563) WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

6. BY TIME OF VISIT WE SHOULD KNOW OUTLINES OF RESULTS INDO-PAK SUMMIT. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INVITE INDIAN LEADERS TO GIVE THEIR APPRAISAL OF SUMMIT RESULTS. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER EXTREME INDIAN SENSITIVITY TO ANYTHING SMACKING OF MEDDLING IN WHAT GOI INSISTS IS BILATERAL AFFAIR. GIVEN PRESENT GOI SUSPICIONS, INDIANS WILL BE ON QUIVIVE FOR ANY STATEMENT THAT MIGHT IMPLY US COERCION OR EXCESSIVE US INTERVENTION.

7. I TRUST DEPARTMENT WILL FIND FOREGOING THOUGHTS HELPFUL IN PREPARING FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT, WHICH I AM CONFIDENT CAN BE IMPORTANT MILESTONE IN REVERSING CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF RECRIMINATIONS, AND SET STAGE FOR MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

9. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS DESIRED.
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